



Maxwell-Gunter Chief's Group Meeting  
Maxwell Enlisted Club  
18 December 03, 0700

1. The President of the Maxwell Gunter Chief's Group, CMSgt Berry Kirksey called to order the 18 December 2003 meeting at 0700 hours at the Maxwell Enlisted Club. Due to the holidays this is the November and December meeting.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Invocation by CMSgt Mike Brake
  - c. Welcome visitors - CMSgt (r) Jim Hill
2. **Sharp Troop Presentations:** CMSgt Berry Kirksey presented the Sharp Troop Award TSgt Van Presley, HQ AU/ES, on behalf of the Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group for the work that he has done as our webmaster. Congratulations also for his STEP promotion to TSgt.
3. **Guest Speakers:**  
Col Neubauer, 42ABW/CC: First Chiefs meeting since assuming command.
  - a. Priorities are: 1) AEF Readiness; 2) Run & protect the base; 3) unit reputation
  - b. Fit to Fight Warriors
  - c. Enlisted Heritage Hall expansion
  - d. CFC and morale indicators
  - e. Club membership
  - f. School growth
  - g. Gunter railroad tracks and road repair
4. **Welcome/Farewells:** Did our new CMSgt selectees in attendance complete their orders of the day? Yes and introduced themselves.
  - a. New Chiefs – CMSgt Mazzi, AU/CCM recently arrived from Aviano AB Italy.
  - b. Retiring Chiefs: CMSgt Pat Connolly (6 Feb 04); CMSgt Al Coe (May 04); CMSgt Carl Viars (TBD)
  - c. Departing Chiefs: None
5. **Transfer of the Jeep Chief Award:** The jeep was transferred from CMSgt Dave Bridge to CMSgt(s) William Nicholas, CEPME. The following list represents the remaining sequence of planned presentations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Line Number</u>
CMSgt George Edwards, 908 AW	
CMSgt Doug Ead, 908 AW	
CMSgt (S) Darryl Gagne, AFSNCOA	306
CMSgt (S) Jeff Helm, AFSNCOA	377
CMSgt (S) Thomas Young, AFSNCOA	524
MCPO Dean Eifert, AFSNCOA	
STFW Ralph Betzgen, AFSNCOA	

6. **Approval of the previous month's minutes:** The October 2003 minutes were approved.
7. **Approval of the previous month's treasury report:** The November 2003 report was approved. CMSgt Bridge announced that he will be happy to take dues for the new year and has coins available for sale.
8. **Committee Actions:**
  - a. Airman Leadership School Chief's Panel – CMSgt Rowell briefed that the next panel should be on or about 18 Feb 04. More to follow.
  - b. 2004 CMSgt Induction Committee: CMSgt Rutkowski briefed that things are moving right along for the 2004 CMSgt Induction Ceremony to be conducted on Saturday, 7 February 2004, at the Gunter Falcon's Nest. More to follow by email.
  - c. Fund Raising Activities
    1. OEF and OIF Coins: CMSgt Kirksey briefed the coins are still available and moving. Let him know if anyone needs coins.
    2. Options – we need other avenues of fundraising besides the coins. CMSgt (s) Darryl Gagne, volunteered to head the fundraising committee.
9. **Old Business:**
  - a. CCAF Grant/Program: We currently sponsor two \$100 grants twice a year for CCAF graduations and are a line item in the annual budget. The scholarships/ grants are selected by a panel of Chiefs that are available that date. The Command Chiefs or a representative already sitting for the other scholarships boards will remain for the two Chief grant selections. The current system is working, no need to change. CLOSED.
  - b. Memorabilia – Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group items (coins, shirts, etc) is currently on hold until we wrap up some loose ends with the budget projections. OPEN – CMSgt Kirksey.
  - c. Meetings -- Further discussion on when and where to hold membership meetings to reach the most members. A motion was made to have the meetings on the LAST Thursday of each month, rotating ODD months at Gunter during lunch (1130-1230) and EVEN months at Maxwell Enlisted Club at 1500 hours. Approved and CLOSED.
10. **New Business:**
  - a. Constitution/Bylaws Review Committee: CMSgt Suttles has volunteered to chair this committee and needs a couple of volunteers to help review and overhaul the Constitution and Bylaws on file (approx 10 years old). Would like to have them reviewed with changes sent out for a vote during the January meeting. CMSgt Brake and CMSgt (s) Helm volunteered. OPEN – CMSgt Suttles.
  - b. Checking Account: CMSgt Bridge, Group Treasurer requested a motion be made to consolidate all accounts into 1 checking and 1 savings with no cash account. Approved. CLOSED.
  - c. Dues: Discussion regarding feasibility of raising dues. Consensus of group is to thoroughly explore fundraising options first and nail down annual budget. Annual Dues will remain \$20 per year (payable in January). Motion was made and approved to adopt

LIFETIME membership of \$200 starting with 2004 dues. CMSgt (r) Tom Gwaltney was the first to become a Lifetime member of the Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group. CLOSED.

- d. Maxwell-Gunter Annual Awards Donation: This body is no longer the sponsor but a supporter of the Maxwell-Gunter Annual Awards program. A motion was made and approved to contribute \$500 annually to this program and to include as a line item in our annual budget. CLOSED.
- e. Fisk Park donation request. Many individuals (but not all) received a letter requesting donations to help fund Fisk Park (which is scheduled to be dedicated in late April. After some discussion a motion was made and approved that individuals may contribute as they feel led but the Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group would not be making an addition donation. CLOSED.
- f. Election Committee. Elections are quickly approaching and in accordance with our current Constitution and Bylaws, the President will appoint an ad hoc election committee at the January general membership meeting. CMSgt Bob Moore volunteered to head the committee along with CMSgts Diana Bunch and Sandy Williams.

-- The President will open the floor for nominations for all officer positions at the January meeting. Nominations will remain open until the end of the February meeting.

-- All nominations will be finalized at the February meeting and the election committee will prepare ballots for the election.

-- Elections will be held at the March general membership meeting using secret ballot. Results will be announced prior to adjournment.

-- The newly elected officers will be installed at the April general membership meeting.

#### **11. Announcements:**

- a. 42ABW CCM: CMSgt Bob Moore expressed his thanks for the phenomenal support for the dormitory cookie drive over the holidays. The NAF council will be meeting and discussing face lifts for the clubs. On 2 Mar 04, CMSAF Murray will be the guest speaker for the AFA luncheon and encourages all to attend. The Air Show is scheduled for 5 & 6 June – Thunderbirds and concessions available for fundraising. Everyone is invited to attend the AFSA meeting today at 1130 at the Falcon's nest.
- b. HQ SSG CCM: CMSgt Orcutt resurfaced concern over the congested parking at the dorms. Please pay attention to the posted signs. Recommends "heightened awareness".
- c. 908AW CCM: CMSgt Amos Moore briefed the Airlift Wings significant activation and mobilization. If there are any questions he can be reached at 3-9083, please call him.
- d. AFSNCOA Commandant: CMSgt Andrews briefed several concerns regarding all students being able to participate in Fit to Fight program. If the student has a medical profile that prohibits participation in the program, they will be returned to home station. The 15 Jan 04 class is projected to be the largest ever if 420 per class. Lots of good things are happening along with mentoring Lieutenants. CMSgt Lynn is working on a new "Chief's" course – testing to begin in August.

- e. FSA Commandant: CMSgt Williams briefed that the First Sergeants Academy has relocated from Maxwell to Gunter Bldg 322 (across from Falcons Nest – traded with civilian personnel school).
- f. Enlisted Heritage Hall: CMSgt Hamel thanked everyone for their support during 2003 of the Enlisted Heritage Hall. Lots of activities scheduled for 2004. Stay tuned for a great year.
- g. CMSgt (r) Lewis gave a special thanks to the committee member that were on the screening board for the CFC drive. We broke the record. Thanks for all our support.
- h. CMSgt Dave Bridge briefed that AFLMA has moved from Gunter Annex to Bldg 1412 (old OTS building) on Maxwell

12. CMSgt Kirksey apologized for the length of the meeting but hoped that the membership can see that many loose ends are being tied up and we are moving forward. Meeting adjourned at 0840 hours. The next meeting, 1130, 29 Jan 04, Gunter Falcon's Nest for a working lunch meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. KIRKSEY, CMSgt, USAF  
President

LAURA ANNIE CANTRELL, CMSgt, USAFR  
Secretary

## Chiefs Calendar of Events

***Meeting will be held on the LAST THURSDAY of each month***

***ODD months at Falcons Nest, 1130-1230 (Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sep/Nov)***

***EVEN months at Maxwell Enlisted club, 1500-1600 hours (Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug/Oct/Dec)***

19 Dec 03 - Christmas Basket Distribution, Gunter Commissary, 0700

20 Dec 03 - SSG Dorm Dinner @ Gunter Dorms

29 Jan 04/1130 - Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group Meeting, Falcon's Nest

6 Feb 04/1000 - Retirement Ceremony for CMSgt Patrick J. Connolly, AU/XP @ SNCOA Auditorium of the CEPME on Gunter Annex with reception to follow in the SNCOA Conference Room

6 Feb 04 - 42 ABW Annual Awards @ MEC (POC: MSgt Layton 3-2763),

7 Feb 04 - Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Induction @ Falcon's Nest

18 Feb 04/0800-0945 – ALS Class Fellowship – All Chiefs – Active, Retired, Guard, Reserve

20 Feb 04 – SNCOA Chief's Mixer, Falcon's Nest

26 Feb 04/1500 - Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group Meeting, Maxwell Enlisted Club

2 Mar 04 – AFA AF Issues Luncheon, Falcons Nest, Guest Speaker CMSAF Gerald Murray

12 Mar 04 - Maxwell-Gunter Annual Awards @ O'Club (POC: SMSgt Turner, 3-7829)

25 Mar 04 - 42 ABW Wing Dining Out (CMSgt Coleman 3-2705 or SMSgt Beauchamp 3-2287)

25 Mar 04/1130 - Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group Meeting, Falcon's Nest

31 Mar 04 – Enlisted Heritage Hall, TSgt Chapman Exhibit Dedication

28 Apr 04 – Fisk Park Monument dedication

29 Apr 04/1500 - Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group Meeting, Maxwell Enlisted Club

12 May 04/0800-0945 – ALS Class Fellowship – All Chiefs – Active, Retired, Guard, Reserve

15 May 04 – Geico-Wright Flyers Heritage 5K and Fun Run, Downtown Montgomery

27 May 04/1130 - Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group Meeting, Falcon's Nest

5-6 Jun 04 – Maxwell AFB “Wings of Victory” Open House / Air Show

24 Jun 04/1500 - Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group Meeting, Maxwell Enlisted Club